

The Intelligencer.

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Mr. Monahan is a good Democrat. Way not bring him to Wheeling for a great speech?

France has just heard that England is the land of Egypt, and she feels obliged to bluster about it.

Every time Mr. Blaine speaks the British lion is made uncomfortable and some hour folks are hot henny.

The Irishmen who live by fishing on the coast are again in need of help. They have a hard time of it, poor fellows.

The Opera House is big enough for a Democratic meeting, but when General Giff comes here to talk tariff we have more than the Alhambra, which holds more than three times as many people.

PENNSYLVANIA Democrats think it was a real shame to bring Mr. Blaine into a State. Mr. Black, their nominee for Governor, publicly denounces the hideous thing as an outrage. Isn't Pennsylvania free soil?

The paper of Mr. W. E. Hughes read before the Chamber of Commerce proposed a plan which can be made practical if our man of means will take hold of it in a practical way. There is money enough in Wheeling if it can only be started in motion.

Col. Robert G. Ingham's throat trouble is said to be similar to that which cost General Grant his life. An operation has been performed which is thought to have been successful. The future must begin to look terribly real to Col. Ingham.

Those statesmen who investigated the Philadelphia postoffice found it in a wretched condition, but they also discovered a Republican conspiracy to make Harry Carey a postmaster. And so Harry Carey's Reform marches on to new congresses and the Administration is vindicated.

Mr. Tolson made a great mistake when he failed to take counsel of his kinsmen concerning his will. They would have saved him the postmortem humiliation of discovering that he didn't know how to dispose of his property. He is a wise man who knows enough to make a will that will hold.

There is a query as to whether the President's wife and three Cabinet ladies really go to Richmond because the daughter of Jefferson Davis was to help to receive. The Intelligencer doesn't think much of the business in which Mr. Davis was engaged a few years ago, but the part taken in that affair by his daughter was not unbecoming. The Administration must feel that it is under suspicion.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND said some good things in his Richmond speech. He is not when he says of American citizenship that "it must be the same wherever you go." It must, however, all the President with peculiar emotions when he reflects that if American citizenship were what he says it ought to be he could not have become President. It is because in one section a vast number of citizens and electors were practically disfranchised in 1884, as they had been before, that there was any substantial encouragement to nominate a Democrat for the Presidency. The President advocates the right thing and profits by the wrong.

Tariff on Apollinaris.

Boston, Oct. 21.—At the American Bottlers' Association convention to-day it was voted to appoint a committee to consider the question of the tariff on imported Apollinaris, and to urge Congress to act upon the matter. The committee was instructed to consider the question of a protective tariff, and a duty levied upon the bottles as well as upon the contents, the bottles now coming free. Then followed the election of officers. The convention adjourned to meet in Chicago, in 1888.

The Episcopal Prayer Book.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—In the Episcopal convention to-day, the vote on the proposition to strike out the words "Protestant Episcopal" in the title of the Episcopal Church prayer book, resulted in its defeat by a narrow majority. The vote in detail was as follows: Clerical delegates, 49 yeas, 32 nays; lay delegates, 30 yeas, 16 nays; and 9 were divided.

Will Renounce the K. of L.

SEATTLE, Mo., Oct. 21.—The resolution recently adopted by the General Assembly of the K. of L. at Richmond, calling on clergymen who are members of the International Union and also of the K. of L. to choose which of the organizations they shall follow, created a great deal of comment in this city. All the clergymen here are members of both orders, and to a man will renounce allegiance to the K. of L.

Increasing Revenues.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The revenues so far this month have averaged over \$1,000,000 a day, and are now about \$12,000,000 in excess of the expenditures during the same period. The financial situation is regarded at the Treasury Department as favorable for another call for special bonds, and it is probable that one will be issued in a few days.

Kaufman's Successor.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 21.—The czar has summoned General Gourko, military commander of Warsaw, to proceed to the Imperial Palace in St. Petersburg to receive instructions preparatory to replacing General Kaufman as Russian military agent in Bulgaria.

Gold Discovered in Australia.

ADLAIDE, Oct. 21.—An immense quantity of men towards Waukaurilla in South Australia, in progress, in consequence of the discovery of auriferous gold there.

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"IN OLE VIRGINNY."

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S VISIT

To the Capital of the Old Dominion—His Reception with Great Enthusiasm—He Makes a Speech at the Fair Grounds—Immense Crowd.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 21.—The Presidential party arrived at Elba Station, West Broad street, shortly before noon where they were met by the Governor of the State and the reception committee with proper escort and conveyances. A few minutes drive brought the party to the fair grounds and at the head of the line filed into the main entrance a presidential salute of twenty-one guns was fired by the Richmond Howitzers. Inside the gates drawn up in line were military companies of the First Virginia Volunteers. Richmond and vicinity were crowded with thousands of visiting soldiers, and a battalion of colored troops. As the carriage bearing the President and cabinet officers passed the military remained at present arms.

Without the shouts of the many thousands greeted the President along the route to one of the buildings, where the party was to be received. The guests were ushered into the office of the President of the Agricultural Society where the members of the reception committee and a few other distinguished citizens were formally introduced. Half an hour later the President taking the arm of Governor Lee made his way, cheered by the shouts of the thousands, to the front of the office building, and faced the welcoming multitude. The huzzas having ceased, Col. Robert Beverly, President of the Agricultural Society, stepped forward and introduced Governor Lee, who, in a brief speech, extended the welcome of the commonwealth of Virginia, to the President of the nation. The President was then introduced by Col. Beverly, who, in behalf of the farmers of Virginia, welcomed him to the State, and in a few words, extended cheer and well wishing of his and his family's to the President of the nation. In a clear voice, loud enough to be heard upon the borders of the great assemblage, he said:

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. FELLOW CITIZENS OF VIRGINIA: While I thank you most sincerely for your kind reception and recognition of my presence here, I am fully aware that your demonstration of welcome is tendered not to an individual but to an incumbent of an office which crowns the government of the United States. The State of Virginia, the mother of presidents, seven of whose sons have filled that high office of joy greets a President who for the first time meets her sons upon Virginia soil. The arts and manufactures, which by the toil and industry of her people is not measured alone by the money value of the products. The efforts and her artifice not only create new value in the products of the soil, but also in the products of the loom and the anvil. The products of the loom and the anvil, which by the toil and industry of her people is not measured alone by the money value of the products. The efforts and her artifice not only create new value in the products of the soil, but also in the products of the loom and the anvil.

AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP. This will flourish in every part of the American domain; neither drought nor rain can injure it, for it takes root in true hearts enriched by love of country. There are no new varieties in this production, it must be the same wherever seen, for it is the same in the heart of the genuine unless it grows to decay and beauty an entire and united nation, nor unless it supports and sustains the institutions and the government founded to protect American liberty and happiness.

THE PRESIDENT WAS FREQUENTLY interrupted by hearty applause and when he concluded the immense concourse of people joined in a peroration of cheers. Col. Beverly then introduced the first of the named Secretaries, Secretary Endicott, Postmaster General Vilas and Commissioner of Agriculture Colman, each of whom was greeted with cheers, which they simply acknowledged by bowing. It was then understood that further speech-making would not be in order. Among the ladies on the porch from which the speaking took place were Mrs. Lee, the Governor's wife and Miss Winona Davis, daughter of ex-President Jefferson Davis, to whom President Cleveland was introduced, and with whom he spent a few moments in pleasant conversation. The party were then escorted to the headquarters of the President of the Society, in another building, where they witnessed a review of troops, white and colored. After the review the President held a public reception for over an hour, and shook hands with thousands. Between 3 and 4 o'clock the visitors gathered in the grand stand witnessed a magnificent parade, after which a sumptuous lunch was partaken of.

Fishing Boats Lost.

DUNBAR, Oct. 21.—Inspection of Fisheries files reports that the storm on the Irish coast caused a loss of \$40,000 to the fishermen on the Wicklow coast, many of their boats having been wrecked. He adds that great distress is imminent unless some relief of the sufferers is forthcoming at once.

Horford's Acid Phosphate

Dr. D. Schab, M.D., says: "I have used it in cases of bilious disease, and the results were all that could be desired. It is valuable."

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ESCAPED Nihilists.

In San Francisco—How They Escaped From Siberia.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—The Chronicle to-day publishes an account of the escape of three Nihilists from Siberia and their arrival in this city recently. It was only by accident that their presence became known, and so fearful are they of the power of the Russian government that they refuse to give the surnames. The men are known only by their given names, which are Demetri, Vasil and Ivan. They are aged respectively forty-two, thirty-six and thirty-five years, but they look much older on account of the hardships they have undergone. In 1883, while present at a meeting of students in Kiev, the house was surrounded by troops and thirty-four Nihilists were arrested. Demetri was making a speech when arrested, and was sentenced to twenty years in Siberia, while Vasil and Ivan were given three years each, and all were forbidden over to return to Russia.

On April 14, 1885, a party of 300 exiles left Olesia by steamer for Vladivostok, via the Suez Canal. The three friends had been told that on the vessel they would be given assistance by certain officers, whom they would recognize by certain signs, and this proved true. After a voyage of sixty-two days the vessel finally reached Vladivostok. Ten men and two women had died on the passage. Here the three friends were again surprised to find among the officers of the guard a friend who made himself known by signs, and gave them what assistance he could without attracting attention. The vessel was then sent to Olesia, on the Amur river, where they remained two years. Then, through the mysterious exertions of friends, they were sent back to Vladivostok, and their departure was such that they had considerable freedom as compared with others.

In June last, the Russian man-of-war Moskva was at Vladivostok, and it was given out that she was going home via San Francisco. The three Nihilists decided to attempt to escape. They were in the darkness, having eluded the vigilance of their guards, and took their places as members of the crew. Here, too, they found friends among the officers through private signals. They arrived safely in this port a few days ago. The Russian Prince Wittgenstein, Prince Galitzin, and Prince Tolstai, two nephews of the czar, and Vice Admiral Ivan Skorkoff, Minister of Marine, were on the vessel which conveyed the Nihilists to San Francisco.

WHEAT STOCKS.

The Amount on Hand, Oct. 1.—A Comparison With Former Years.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—The Cincinnati Price Current of to-day contains an unusually interesting and comprehensive statement in regard to comparative stocks of wheat in the United States on Oct. 1, with much kindred information. It is shown that the total available stocks were 320,000,000 bushels, flour included, being 4,000,000 in excess of a year ago, and 79,000,000 less than two years ago; also 11,000,000 less than the average for six years previous to 1880 for October 1. Computations are made indicating the inevitable surplus of wheat, exclusive of flour, which are the lowest in seven years, excepting in 1881 and 21,000,000 bushels below the average for six years previous to 1880 for October 1.

Three million bushels, or 18 per cent of the entire wheat supply is now reported in the visible stocks against 16 per cent last year, and 6 per cent as the average for the previous five years, thus showing a very marked advance in proportion of wheat appearing in visible supply statements.

Special reports in regard to stocks of old corn in western states, show moderate or low supplies generally, in Iowa, Missouri and Kansas; good supplies in Nebraska, and fair supplies in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.

The number of hogs packed in the west during the week ending Oct. 14, 1886, against 100,000 the week of the same date in the corresponding time last year.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The Musical Union of New York Defeated in a Vital Suit.

New York, Oct. 21.—The most important decision has just been rendered by Justice Porter which is of special interest to all musical persons. It will be remembered that the Musical Union objected to the performance of any of their members in company with an imported obnoxious player, engaged by Theodore Thomas, and enforced their objection by fines and threatened expulsion. It was in vain that Mr. Thomas urged the fact that there was no objection to the union playing, and that the union insisted upon enforcing the union rules. The obnoxious player in question was perfectly willing to join the union, but was prevented from doing so by the action of the union, which made it necessary for him to be 6 months in the country before he could gain admission to the Order. In this emergency Mr. Thomas applied for, and obtained an injunction restraining the union from interfering with its members or punishing them for playing in company with performers who were not union men.

Justice Porter has given his decision in favor of Mr. Thomas, the plaintiff, holding that the by-laws of the defendant, forbidding members to play with non-union men, are in restraint of trade and against public policy and void. He also issues a perpetual injunction, forbidding these laws from being put into operation against the plaintiff.

Important for the Prison.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—F. J. Bradley, ex-Manager of the Pullman Palace Car Company, was taken before Judge Collins this morning, when he pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzlement. He expressed the wish to be sent to Joliet at once, as he was anxious to get out again, and have the matter over with as soon as possible. The court sentenced him to the penitentiary at Joliet. The necessary papers were ordered made out at once and Bradley was taken to Joliet on the noon train.

The John Ordeal.

BONNAY, Oct. 21.—Intelligence has been received that the John ordeal has again been put into practice in a Brahmin village in Bengal. Two human hyes were sacrificed, the object being to avoid the Tonk Durbar assessment. The two victims calmly accepted the funeral pyre and bravely met death. Their charred heads were afterwards carried by the villagers to Oudeygar.

Advice from Texas, in the State of Utah, say that a terrible war is imminent there.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup has been before the public for years, and is pronounced by the medical profession to be the best cure of coughs, colds, influenza, and all pulmonary complaints.

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POLITICAL MATTERS.

SENATOR KENNA IN WETZEL.

He is Warmly Received by the Faithful, and Makes a Harmless Speech—The Southern Labor Question—Senator John Sherman in Indiana.

KENNA IN WETZEL. A Large Crowd Gathers the Senator at New Martinsville.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. Va., Oct. 21.—This has been a big day with the Democrats in this county, feeling and realizing the needs and necessities of the hour, and fearing that the day of political boom was near at hand, the leaders of the Democratic party of this county have been for the last two weeks making a death struggle against the fate that confronts them. To-day the Hon. John E. Kenna struck this town and was welcomed as Blueber was wanted at Waterloo. Amid the large crowd from this and adjoining counties were people who came to gaze for the first time upon a real live United States Senator.

The meeting was held in the court room, and the speaker was introduced by Geo. H. Munstead, Esq. After a good deal of applause as chairman of the meeting, Hon. John E. Kenna got down to his work. He complimented God for the day, and then turned to the Democrats, and urged the party to stick to the Judge. He said that he had been mistaken for the last two years, and that he was now in the hands of the Democrats, whereupon some of the boys who had God badges on looked but failed to trace the tariff resemblance. The speaker spoke for some two hours, defending the Administration and the party against the long list of charges preferred by the people at large. He made a good speech but a very unfair one. His object seemed to be to stick close enough to the truth to give color and credit to his assertions, and then by sophistry to prostitute his promise to arrive at a result that must be reached, no matter how. He tried to convince his audience that the Democratic party was the original friend of the soldier and the fountain that furnished all soldiers with the soldier, the widow and orphan.

Kenna's speech although ingenious and especially framed for the purpose of holding his party up to the work will not effect any particular result one way or the other. The day has almost passed, and not at hand when the citizens of this county are going to write upon the walls of the Lodge room of the managers of the Democratic party the sentence of its eternal condemnation. The day has almost passed, and not at hand when the citizens of this county are going to write upon the walls of the Lodge room of the managers of the Democratic party the sentence of its eternal condemnation.

Things politically are looking well here. We propose to offer a present to the Republican party a Congressman, Senator and Representative.

Campaign Opened at Steubenville.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Oct. 21.—The Republicans of this city opened the campaign this evening by a meeting at Garret's Hall. Speeches were made by James R. Robinson, Secretary of State, and Colonel J. D. Taylor. The Democratic party was arraigned in very severe terms, and the meeting was large and very enthusiastic.

Blaine's trip up the Monongahela.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 21.—Hon. James G. Blaine, accompanied by a number of old school mates and personal friends, left for Brownsville, Pa., the home of his youth, at 10 o'clock this morning. While en route Mr. Blaine will make brief addresses at West Elizabeth and Bellerophon. The party will return to this city to-night, and on Friday Mr. Blaine will visit Washington, Pa.

A committee was received from Mr. Andrew Wilson, in which he resigned his seat as a member of the Board of Common Council, district 1, and was accepted, and on motion of Mr. Harman, Mr. Charles L. Davis was appointed to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Col. Miller the proper committee was instructed to hurry up the work of fitting up the school houses for natural gas.

The Opera House Orchestra's New Leader.

The new musical director of the Opera House orchestra, Prof. E. W. Spill, has arrived in the city and will shortly assume the duties of the position. He is a native of the island of Fehmarn, but comes here from Milwaukee, where he met with great success in his profession. Prof. Louis Vass, the retiring director, has a card in another column announcing his departure from the city, and his position, he will hereafter devote his time to teaching the violin and piano.

Last Night's Preparatory Meeting.

Another religious meeting preliminary to the work of Moody, the evangelist, was held last evening at the Second Presbyterian church, at which Rev. H. A. Germain, the pastor, presided. The topic was: "The Presence of the Holy Spirit to take of the Things of Christ and Show Them unto Us." Besides Mr. Dornblaser, Rev. J. G. Gant and Rev. J. T. McGuire and others, a large and the spirit manifested very encouraging.

Police Pickups.

Lucy Tucker, a colored girl, was locked up by Officer Lukens last evening for drunkenness. Grant Johnson and Henry Hodge were run in by Officer Lukens for fighting at a wedding on the South side. Jack Johnson and a young fellow named Kenny were picked up by Officer Carney on suspicion of being the parties who stole the coop of chickens from Robinson & McConaghey Tuesday evening.

Instructions to Nuncios.

Rome, Oct. 21.—Cardinal Jacobini, Papal Secretary of State, following the Pope's instructions, has sent circulars to all the Papal Nuncios abroad directing their attention to the principle and occasion of the Holy See's intervention in the different governments with a view to the improvement of the situation of the church throughout the world.

They Won't Have It.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The St. James Gazette says that Mr. Waddington, French Ambassador to London, acting under instructions from his government, has protested on behalf of France against the British occupation of Egypt. The paper adds that France and Turkey are in complete accord in their opposition to the occupation, and that Russia supports them.

Decrease of Crime in Ireland.

DUBLIN, Oct. 21.—Returns show that fewer crimes and outrages were committed in Ireland last year than the average yearly number during the five years. The farmers on Pomeoony's estate, in Cork, have refused a proffered reduction of 30 per cent and demand a reduction of 40 per cent.

Music at the Alhambra Bunk Friday and Saturday evenings.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

In Regular Session—Nothing but Routine Business Disposed of.

At a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education held at the rooms of the Board, in the Public Library building, last evening, the absentees were, Messrs. Archer, Picky, Echebstruth, McCoy, Shaler, Whaley, Wilson A. and Wilson W. A. President Collier, who was on hand promptly, as usual, called the meeting to order just as soon as there was a quorum, which was not until 8 o'clock. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the regular monthly bills and reports taken up for consideration.

The Committee on Accounts presented bills aggregating \$9, which were ordered paid. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the regular monthly bills and reports taken up for consideration.

The Committee on Text Books, directed to report upon the matter of making Ray's New General Grammar, which was ordered upon the matter of using in the schools Language and Arithmetic recommended that Ray's New Higher Arithmetic be adopted, and the books and tablets ordered.

The Committee on salaries directed to report upon the matter of changing the scale of janitor's salaries so as to make it more uniform, and secure equality between the work done and compensation received by janitors. The Committee on Finance reported a bill for the purpose of increasing the salaries in certain of the districts, making a total increase of \$100 per month, to be paid from October 1, the Board reserving the right to make any changes when natural gas shall be introduced into the school buildings. This report was adopted.

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Superintendent Anderson presented his monthly report, showing the condition of the schools during the month of September. Following will be found an abstract from the same:

Another Premature Explosion.

RICHMOND, Oct. 21.—During the President's visit here to-day everything passed off most pleasantly until this evening, when the Presidential party were leaving the Confederation home. The veterans then resumed cannon firing and one of the guns prematurely exploded, blowing one man's arm off and breaking the other, and severely injuring another man.

Crushed by an Iron Truss.

REX, Pa., Oct. 21.—William Green, a respectable carpenter, was to-day killed in a most peculiar manner. He and four companions were engaged in hoisting an iron truss to the roof of a building. When half way up the derrick tackle broke and the heavy iron mass of iron fell upon the man, crushing him in a horrible manner.

PRISON FIRE.

A Number of Shops in the Columbus Penitentiary Destroyed.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 21.—A destructive fire occurred at the Ohio Penitentiary at an early hour this morning. It was located in the northern portion of the enclosure, in the middle row of shops. The fire had its origin in the shop of the Columbus Wheel and Banding company, owned by Eberly, Killian & Co., most of the being residents of Pennsylvania. At the north is located the cooper shop, on the east the chair shop of J. W. Dann & Co., a building similar in size and construction to the wheel shop. On the west of the wheel shop is the bill foundry, and on the east the bill foundry, and on the east the chair shop of J. W. Dann & Co., a building similar in size and construction to the wheel shop. On the west of the wheel shop is the bill foundry, and on the east the bill foundry, and on the east the chair shop of J. W. Dann & Co., a building similar in size and construction to the wheel shop.

All of these are fine brick structures, filled with expensive machinery and stock, thus making the fire in the center of much valuable property. To the east of the chair shop, the distance separating all of the buildings being merely narrow streets or passage ways. The Prison fire department were unable to accomplish anything from the fact that the stand pipe did not give the requisite pressure. The City Department did not reach the fire for half an hour, when the buildings were well burning. There was but one totally destroyed, and two others were seriously damaged. The total loss is not reached \$20,000, and this is about half covered by insurance.

THE STOCK YARDS TRAGEDY.

The Inquest over the Shooting of Hegley by Pinkerton's Men.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21. The inquest on the body of Terrence Hegley who was killed Tuesday by Pinkerton men was begun to-day at the Twenty-second street police station. State's Attorney Grinnell and his assistant were present on behalf of the State. Capt. Markley of the town of Lake Park testified that he was on the train which carried the Pinkerton men. He rode as far as Thirty-third street when he got off and returned to the station. There he first learned of the shooting. He attributed his not hearing the sound of the shots to the noise of the train.

"Did you notice any crowd standing at Fortieth street as you went in?" asked the coroner.

"I did. There were about 100 people there, boys and men."

"Did they make any threatening demonstrations?"

"They did not. If they had I would have seen them and got off."

"Do they throw any stones or missiles of any kind?"

"Not one."

The other witnesses of the shooting contended that no missiles were thrown or shot fired at the train. Witnesses were called to the stand to identify the men who did the shooting. One of the witnesses pointing out the attorney for the prisoners as one of the men who shot at the crowd, "I desire to make a demand on Mr. Pinkerton to produce the men who were on the train. He must have them here by ten o'clock to-morrow," said Corner Heris at the conclusion of the day's session.

"Mr. Pinkerton is not here and he could not have all those men here any way, because he has the largest mob of men in the country," replied the attorney.

"Bring the men who rode on the rear platform of the last car," said the Coroner, who then adjourned the hearing until to-morrow. He said that he expected the inquest would be completed within two days.

Hurried From Night.

STATIONERS, Pa., Oct. 21.—While David Evans, aged 50 years, and his son William, aged 14, of Millport, Carbon county, employed at the Sterling State quarry east here, were crossing a tunnel this morning, it chanced in carrying them down 100 feet, and burying them under a mountain of earth. It will take months to recover their bodies.

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GUNNERY ACCIDENTS.

FATALITIES AT SANDY HOOK.

A Shell Explodes Instantly Killing Two Soldiers—One Blown to Fragments—Two Accidents in Virginia of a Similar Fatal Character.

SANDY HOOK, N. J., Oct. 21.—The Ordnance Board fired the 12-inch mortar this forenoon. The charge was 50 pounds of powder and shells loaded with sand. This afternoon the shells were to be loaded with powder. One shell was fired by a soldier named John King and First Lieutenant William M. Metcalf superintendent of the work. After the firing of the next shell it exploded, blowing the mortar to pieces, fatally injuring Metcalf, who lived but about half an hour. His body was fearfully mangled, while that of King was picked up in pieces in the vicinity.

It is surmised that some grains of powder lodged in the throat of the soldier and the plug being screwed in brought about the explosion. This is the first fatal accident which has happened in the last 12 years, the length of time that the Ordnance Board has been firing guns here. Many guns have burst but no one was ever injured by such an explosion before.

Premature Discharge of a Cannon.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Oct. 21.—President Cleveland passed through here this morning. While firing a salute in honor of his visit the cannon was prematurely discharged and James Wheeler, who was ramming the charge, was terribly burned and mangled, and is expected to die of his injuries.

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